

LENT | *The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves a special examination of our devotion to Christ. As such, through repentance, we lay aside both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and belong to no other.*

prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

REV. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

— Psalm 121:1-4 ESV

** call to worship

MR. RYAN SLABACH

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

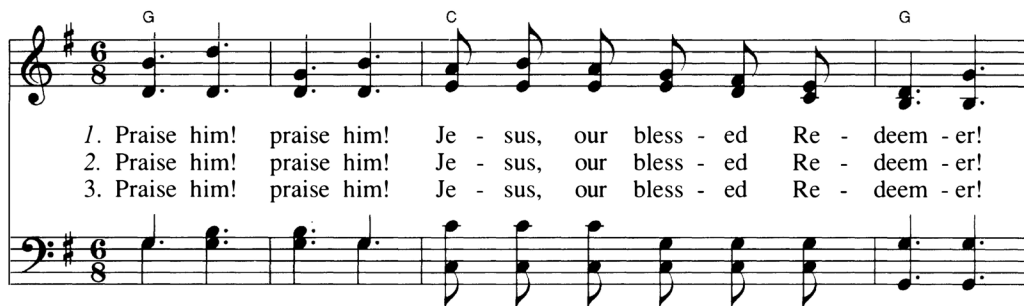
All: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

— Psalm 118:19-21 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

G C G



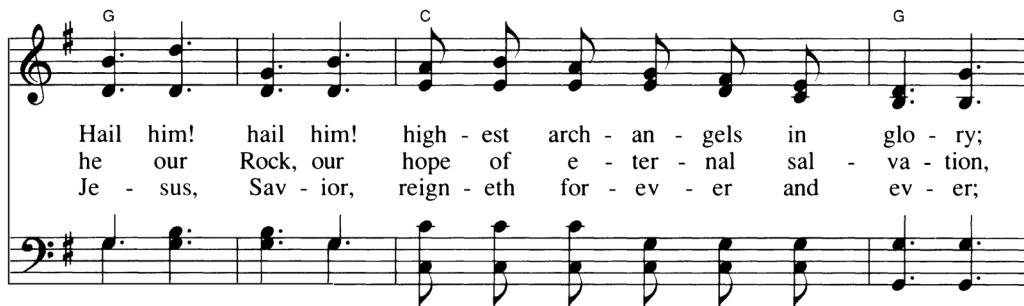
1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Em A⁷ D



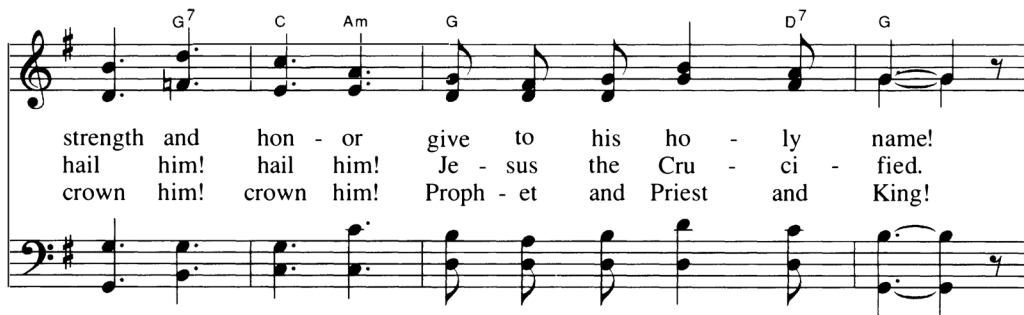
Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

G C G



Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

G⁷ C Am G D⁷ G



strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

The musical score is written for a guitar and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chords are indicated by letters (D, G, D7, A7, C, Am, G7) above the treble staff.

System 1:

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

System 2:

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

System 3 (REFRAIN):

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

System 4:

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

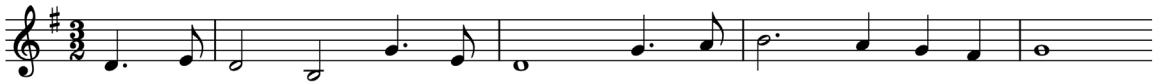
All: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Leader: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

All: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 59-60

ROCK OF AGES



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands;
3. Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy ri - ven side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun-tain fly; wash me, Sa - vior or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

— Psalm 69:5 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

All: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

— Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

JESUS, I COME



1. Out of my bon-dage, sor-row and night, Je-sus, I come; Je-sus, I come.
2. Out of my shame-ful fail-ure and loss,
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride,
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,



In - to thy free-dom, glad-ness, and light, Je-sus, I come to thee.
In - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,
In - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
In - to the joy and light of thy home,



Out of my sick-ness in - to thy health, out of my want-ing and in - to thy wealth,
Out of earth's sor-rows in - to thy balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,
Out of my - self to dwell in thy love, out of de - spair in - to rap-tures a - bove,
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, in - to the peace of thy shel-ter-ing fold,



out of my sin and in - to thy - self, Je-sus I come to thee.
out of dis-stress in - to ju - bi-lant psalm,
up-ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove,
ev - er thy glo - rious face to be - hold,

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scripture reading

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

Leader: Matthew 10:5-15
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ministry moment

ISAIAH 55 MINISTRY

prayer

RULING ELDER DAVID MOORE

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

** passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

10 *An elder will lead the passing of the peace. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.*

Sermon | “Conquer This, Not That”

March 15, 2026

Deuteronomy 2:16-25 ^{ESV} | 16 “So as soon as all the men of war had perished and were dead from among the people, 17 the Lord said to me, 18 ‘Today you are to cross the border of Moab at Ar. 19 And when you approach the territory of the people of Ammon, do not harass them or contend with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.’ 20 (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim. Rephaim formerly lived there – but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim – 21 a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but the Lord destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place, 22 as he did for the people of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites before them and they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day. 23 As for the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and settled in their place.) 24 ‘Rise up, set out on your journey and go over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to take possession, and contend with him in battle. 25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.’”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER MOORE

Leader: Beloved saints of the Lord, in response to the Gospel of grace, how now shall we live?
All: **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

— James 1:22-25_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that his work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ’s giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.

The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.

VICTORY IN JESUS

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
2. I heard a-bout his heal - ing, of his cleans-ing pow'r re - veal - ing,
3. I heard a-bout a man - sion he has built for me in glo - ry,
how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me.
how he made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see.
and I heard a-bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;
I heard a-bout his groan - ing, of his pre-cious blood's a - ton - ing,
And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
a - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry;
then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.
O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and
bought me with his re-deem-ing blood. He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him. He
plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

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announcements

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

** benediction

** doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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for first-time visitors

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the welcome pad when it comes to you.



Meaningful involvement is the best way to build relationships and connect to a church. If you want to go deeper and find out more, **please contact our church office** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you are looking for a place to serve in the church, scan the QR code and sign up for the areas you are interested in.

get involved

sunday school & wednesday night ministries

Sunday school will resume **March 22**. Wednesday night ministries will resume **March 25**.

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting **Tuesday, March 17, 12p** in the conference room. **Email Larry Lorimor** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown) for prayer requests. Scan the QR to join the Zoom meeting. All are welcome to join.



INTRO TO CPC | MARCH 20-21

We will be offering a membership class **Friday, March 20, 630-830p** and **Saturday, March 21, 9a-3p**. Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday. Childcare is provided for both days (with RSVP). This is a wonderful time to learn more about CPC, our denomination, beliefs, ministry philosophy, and where you might fit in and serve. If you are interested in membership or just learning more about our church, please scan the QR code to attend. Both classes are required for membership. **Contact the church office with questions** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org).



CPC KIDS EASTER EVENT | MARCH 28

All CPC parents and children are invited to join us for "A Walk to the Cross," held at the home of Chris and Jan Windsor on **Saturday, March 28, 2-4p**. This event is around the corner and **our biggest need right now is for candy and Easter eggs!** We need 300 more eggs! Please sign up and let us know how many you're bringing and feel free to drop them off in the office at the Children's Ministry desk **by March 22!** Thank you! Please scan the QR code to sign up. For more information contact Korina Slabach (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).



cpc prayer ministry

CPC has a prayer ministry that receives and distributes prayer requests to our church family. We also publish and distribute monthly a prayer calendar that prompts us to pray daily for our children. There are currently around seventy children named on the calendar. **If you would like to be added to the prayer email list or if you would like your child added to the Pray for Me calendar, you can email Larry Lorimor** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org).